



JINfo

Integrated Justice in Washington State

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This issue marks a change in the format and content of JINfo. For the past several months, I have produced this newsletter (with help from DIS Communications staff) with the aim of sharing information about projects and happenings in the JIN Program Office and throughout the JIN community. I had hoped that the submissions from outside would supply the bulk of the material, but, over the last year, they simply have not been coming. That's understandable. Members of the JIN community are enormously busy with their own activities and it is to be expected that JINfo does not typically rise to the top of most daily "To Do" lists. Also, I haven't exactly been twisting arms.

But, while JINfo has languished, another source of information has quietly been evolving. Since assuming this job a year ago, I have made an effort each week to send a summary of my activities to the Board. I generally provide lists of meetings attended, documents produced, and so forth. The response to this exercise has been generally positive, but, at the same time, the audience has been small.

The new JINfo represents an attempt to fuse the concepts of broad-based information-sharing with relative informality and brevity. Through the new JINfo, I will actively inform the entire JIN community of what's going on in the Program Office and in the JIN community in a brief, but hopefully stimulating fashion.

I hope this change is helpful. As always, if there is any information that you would like to share, do not hesitate to send it to me and I will pass it along through JINfo. The website (www.jin.wa.gov) and the list serv (<http://listserv.wa.gov/archives/jinx.html>) are also available for your use. I look forward to working with you, and to building a justice information network that improves public safety in the state and provides all the JIN constituents with tools that make data-sharing easier and more efficient.

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Activity in the JIN Program Office

JIN Proof of Concept and Technology Roundtables

The JIN proof of concept project, a collaborative effort to share stolen vehicle information among the King County Regional Automation Network (RAIN), [the Law Enforcement Support Agency \(LESA\)](#), and the [Washington State Patrol](#), is two weeks into operation. In that time, the Project Manager, Equarius, working with a steering committee comprised of participating agency representatives, has produced a project charter and a Technical Design document.

In the next two weeks we hope to set up the server environment at DIS, to complete web services for RAIN and LESA, and to host the second of [six](#) JIN technology roundtables. The next session, which will be held on April 2, 2004 at the DIS Forum Building, Academy Classroom in Olympia from 1-3 PM, will discuss different program models that should be evaluated in the long-term organizational development of the Justice Information Network. The session is open to all

Summary Offender Profile

In the last two weeks we have moved the servers for the application from the AOC, to my office, to the DIS data center. The servers are now operational and awaiting installation of the application by Templar Corporation, which has promised a project schedule for this effort by today. [Milestone Technology](#) has managed the transition and has recently been engaged to oversee a pilot deployment of the system in Thurston and Douglas counties. We will begin the pilot as soon as Templar has installed and tested the application.

RCW Renumbering

The JIN Program Office has engaged an attorney to update charge manuals for the AOC, SGC, WAPA and WSP. This work is scheduled for completion next month, which should give the agencies ample time to prepare for the effective date of last year's renumbering bill, which becomes effective in July.

SEARCH

A large delegation from the state attended the [SEARCH](#) Conference in Washington DC. The three-day conference, which ended on March 24, offered an opportunity to share information with colleagues in the field and to learn about recent developments in the field. The two most predominant themes seemed, somewhat paradoxically, to be the importance of people over technology and the utility of Justice XML.

Federal Grants

The Department of Justice issued this year's [announcement](#) for the Federal National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). Applications for state funds are due on April 5. These applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Justice Information Board, which will pass its recommendations on to the Board at the April 20 meeting. Although the Board is charged with coordinating grants for integrated justice (RCW 10.98.230 (g)), the Office of Financial Management, is the designated administering authority for NCHIP, and has the final say in where the money goes.

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